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power of leasing covers unopened mines, where mines are not mentioned, would certainly seem (unless the case of a power is distinguishable) to be against the authority of Coke. There are, however, modern cases which get round the distinction between open and unopened mines on the same estate by deciding that the same vein or seam may be attacked from different points on the surface. (See, for instance, *Elias v. The Snowdon Slate Quarries Company*, 48 Law J. Rep. Chanc. 811; L. R. 4 App. Cas. 454.) The question may thus be one of fact ultimately, whether (in the words of Lord Selborne) "the sinking of a new pit on the same vein, or breaking ground in a new place on the same rock, is necessarily the opening of a new mine or a new quarry."—London Law Journal.

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### IN VACATION

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**Character in Evidence.**—"Who signed Magna Charta?" the school inspector asked.

The class sat mute.

"Who signed Magna Charta?" roared the inspector again.

"P-please, sir," wailed a small boy, yclept Bill Smiff, "it worn't me."

The inspector snorted. The class was the most ignorant it had ever been his lot to examine. He strode from the room and outside met the Puddleshlush schoolmistress.

Angrily, he narrated the last incident.

"Who d'ye say said that, sir?" queried the schoolmistress.

"William Smith," snorted the inspector.

"Bill Smith!" repeated the schoolmarm. "Then don't yer believe 'im, sir. 'E's the biggest liar here. Yer take my word for it—'e done it!"

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**He Challenged the Jury.**—Judge: "You are privileged to challenge any member of the jury now being impaneled."

"Well, then, yer honor, Oi'll foight the shmall mon wid wan eye, in the corner, there ferninst yez."—Metropolitan Magazine.